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For: METHOD OF CASTING AND CASTING MACHINE

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes Remarks.

The amendments presented herein comply with the "Revised  
Amendment Format" as set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated  
February 25, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, the provisions of  
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d) are waived.